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BOUNDARY QUESTION

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1. UK PHILOSOPHY ON BOUNDARY DELIMITATION, AS EVIDENCED BY ITS PRACTICE, FAVORS THE EQUIDISTANT LINE APPROACH. IN DEMARCATING ITS SHELF BOUNDARIES WITH NORWAY, DENMARK AND THE NETHERLANDS IT HAS ADVOCATED AND ACCEPTED AN EQUIDISTANT LINE ON A BASIS OF STRICT GEOGRAPHIC DEMARCATION COUNTING EVERYTHING. THE UK FISHERIES ACT CALLS FOR DEMARCATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES BY A MEDIAN LINE WHICH IS EQUIDISTANT FROM THE BASELINES OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES COUNTING EVERYTHING. THE UK IS PROPOSING SUCH A LINE WITH IRELAND WHILE WE UNDERSTAND IRELAND IS COUNT-ERING WITH A LINE MORE FAVORABLE TO ITS INTERESTS CALLED "AN EQUITABLE EQUIDISTANT LINE." THE UK ALSO HAS BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE UPON A CONTINENTAL SHELF OR FISHERIES DEMARCATION LINE WITH FRANCE AND IS IN ARBITRATION OVER THE SHELF.

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2. THE BEST CURRENT BIOGRAPHY ON SIR HUMPHREY WALDOCK, THE JUDGE ON THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE FROM THE UK, IS THAT OF THE BRITISH INFORMATION SERVICES BIOGRAPHY SERVICE DATED FEBRUARY 1976 WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. WALDOCK IS WELL QUALIFIED BY HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE FOR DELIMITATION JUDGMENTS AND IS REPORTED TO

BE HIGHLY COMPETENT AND ALERT DESPITE HIS AGE OF 72. IN 1976 HE WAS APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE COURT OF ARBITRATION IN THE ANGLO-FRENCH CONTINENTAL SHELF ARBITRATION REFERRED TO ABOVE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN PRESENTING A GREAT VARIETY OF EXAMPLES OF DELIMITATION APPROACHES IN SUPPORTING THEIR RESPECTIVE ARGUMENTS SO THAT WALDOCK WILL BE DEEPLY IMMERSSED IN THE SUBJECT.

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